

Coleman on the Cut.  
Mr. R. Lindsay Coleman, ex-president of the National Cycle Board of Trade, and president of the Western Wheel Works, in speaking on the cut in bicycles, says: "This cut in the price of \$100 wheels has occasioned no surprise. We expressed the opinion five years ago that other makers would fully realize their error in endeavoring to maintain a fictitious value on their product, and that the price we had fixed on Cresentos would become the standard price for other high grade wheels. "One of the secrets of the success of the Western Wheel Works is, that we not only guarantee our wheels, but we guarantee our prices as well, and the purchaser of a Cresent in February has the satisfaction of knowing that his neighbor who purchased a Cresent in July paid the same price as he did. "I do not anticipate that a still further reduction in the price of bicycles will be made this year."

The Southerner's Hat.  
Slouch hats are numerous in almost all communities south of Mason and Dixon's line, and conservative old southerners still demand the best felt in such hats. A really good broad-brim felt hat such as a fastidious southerner wears will cost almost as much as a respectable high silk hat, but will last longer because it never goes out of fashion.

Danger Signal.  
The stomach and whole digestive system are apt to be deranged at this time of year. The result is you have a poor appetite and are weak and drowsy and have a feeling of general indisposition. There is danger ahead, you are liable to have a run of fever and other dangerous diseases if you do not guard against it. If you will renovate your system you will prevent fevers or other diseases. If you will take Dr. Kay's Renovator in time you will get a guarantee you will not have fever. It strikes to the root of the matter and removes the cause. It regulates the stomach, bowels and liver so gently and pleasantly and yet effectively that it cures a larger percent of cases than any other remedy ever discovered. It cures the worst cases of indigestion, constipation and chronic diseases. It is pleasant and easy to take. Price by mail, postage prepaid, 25 cents, and \$1. If your druggist does not have it, don't take any other, order it from the publisher, "just as good," but send to us for the medicine and "Dr. Kay's Home Treatment," a valuable 68-page free book with 50 recipes. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb.

Too Much Enterprise.  
The romantic gorge of Trenton falls has suffered a great injury, from the scenic point of view, in the quarrying of limestone at the brink of the cliffs and the casting of the debris, thousands of tons of rock, into the ravine.

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Allen's Foot-Paste, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It is the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Paste makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Blacklisted.  
People who live beyond their means and are very tardy in paying their debts have been blacklisted in Vienna by a daring publisher. A book containing their names has met with a big sale.

There Is a Glass of Coffee.  
Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Careful parents who are planning to send their daughters to the city for study, wish them to be placed in surroundings as nearly like home as possible. In this respect the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., with its admirably equipped Music Department, meets a widely felt need and offers an absolutely safe and delightful home life for young women students of music. Add to this the curriculum of courses leaving nothing undone to secure broad and musically training, and it is easy to see why parents prefer this school to any other, and particularly to those which make no provision for pleasant and sheltered dormitory life.

In a Box.  
Old Friend—Seems to me you are paying your cook pretty stiff wages. Jimson—Have to. If I don't she'll leave, and then my wife will do the cooking herself.—New York Weekly.

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You will enjoy this publication much better if you will get into the habit of reading the advertisements; they will afford a most interesting study and will put you in the way of getting some excellent bargains. Our advertisers are reliable, they send what they advertise.

In Arctic Seas.  
The Danish government has undertaken, during the year 1895 and 1896, a deep sea exploration in the Greenland and Iceland waters. The expedition will be accompanied by a botanist.

\$10.50 TO BUFFALO AND RETURN.  
Via Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," from Chicago, going August 21-23. A rare opportunity to go East at very low rates over "A First-Class Line for First-Class Travel." Reserve your sleeping car accommodations early by writing to L. D. Heuser, Gen'l Western Pass'g Ag't, 119 Adams Street, Chicago.

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A Newark bridegroom started on his wedding tour with a black eye. His sister-in-law caused it by vigorously throwing a weighty slipper after him to give luck to the young couple.

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An outraged friend is worse than a dozen enemies.

## FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

### SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

The Knockabouts, or Willie's First Morning in the Country—An Italian Girl Who Charms the World by Her Feats While on Horseback.

The Disappointed Goldenrod.  
LEAVE judge of my surprise one day, 'Twas in the woods, the month was May. To see, in yellow beauty dressed, Some goldenrod—I do not jest. "Come, tell me, goldenrod," I cried, "What do you here in the fresh May-tide?" The pretty flower raised up its head

And looked at me, then quietly said, "I tire of hearing all the trees, The birds, the squirrels, the very breeze In autumn praise the flowers of May. 'They're fairer far than you,' they say. 'We know,'—their argument is strong,— 'Because we're here, the whole year long!' I've got permission for myself, And came to see this purple elf They call the violet, and to look At bloodroot blossoms by your brook. The mandrake, too, I wished to find, Who boasts of petals left behind. "And what do you decide?" I said. The autumn beauty tossed its head. "I think them weak and pale and small; A fairer spring-give me the fall! Pray what are these to autumn's dower Of aster, mint and cardinal flower? Straightway for home I'll take my way. And never come again in May." My eyes unclosed; still flowed the stream. The flower was gone. Was it a dream? The flower was gone. —Caryl B. Storrs.

The Knockabouts.  
'Twas Willie's first morning in the country, and there were wonders without number on every hand. The night before, grandpa had promised him that on this same morning he should join the farmer's club, "The Knockabouts."

Before going to bed Willie carefully counted his pennies. "Cause," said he, "it'll cost something to join!" "Not very much, I guess," said mamma, who was fully acquainted with grandpa and his funny club. For hadn't she been a member herself when she was a little girl?

"Anyhow," continued Willie, "I have the dollar papa gave me, haven't I?"

But mamma only laughed in reply.

"Can't initiate you till the dew gets off the grass!" exclaimed grandpa at the breakfast table.

This made the club seem to Willie more mysterious than ever.

"You must put on your thick shoes, and I don't think a white shirt is just the thing for members of the club to wear," advised grandpa, with a merry twinkle in his eyes.

About 10 o'clock Willie was ready, and where do you suppose grandpa took him?

Why, out in the orchard, back of the barn, where there was as many as a hundred hay-tumbles. Already three hired men were at work, throwing the hay about in every direction.

"There are the charter members of the 'Knockabout Club,'" laughed grandpa.

Willie took the little fork grandpa handed him, and was soon a full-fledged member of the funny club.

"I've got a good name for my club, haven't I?" asked grandpa, as Willie began knocking the hay about for the sun to dry.

"A jolly one," replied Willie.

Every morning, while he remained at the farm, he was the first member of the club on duty.

"It's the best fun!" he exclaimed. "I wish, grandpa, I could be a knockabout for the year round!"—A. F. Caldwell in Youth's Companion.

Learned, but Eccentric.  
Professor Lincoln of Brown University, whose death occurred a few years ago, used to tell amusing anecdotes of Neander, the great professor and historian of the Christian church of the Berlin University, under whom he studied for some time.

Neander was accustomed when lecturing to stand behind a curious, high desk, with an open framework, and with holes and pegs for letting it up and down. His costume was a very long coat, coming down to the tops of his great jack-boots, and with a collar which reached almost as high as his head as he bent over his desk, and with arms extended forward, twirled in his fingers a quill pen. If this quill dropped, there was a hiatus in the lecture until some one would pick it up and place it in his hands, and then the wonderful flow of learned discourse would proceed.

It is said that when Neander went to Berlin he happened, in going from his home to the university for the first time, to be with a friend, who, for the sake of some errand, took a most circuitous route; Neander pursued this roundabout course for years, and only by accident discovered that there was a shorter way.

On one occasion, being jostled on a crowded sidewalk, in order to pass by the crowd, he stepped off into the gutter with one foot, keeping the other foot on the curbstone. When the crowd was passed, he continued absent-minded to walk on in this curious fashion, and when he reached home he complained of being fatigued from the disordered condition of the streets. An acquaintance, who had followed him, was able to explain the fatigue.

Amazing Ignorance.  
The written civil-service examinations for policemen in New York have been sneered at as a part of a visionary scheme. The ignorance displayed by some of the unsuccessful applicants for

appointment might have had free course in an official position, however, and to the public loss, had no such test been used. Extracts from what these applicants for police service wrote about Abraham Lincoln include some extraordinary statements. One wrote: "He has bin a Presented of New York City." Another declared that in 1865 Lincoln was "nomanited in place of Buchanan whose term of office expired in that year."

"Mr. Lincoln," according to another applicant, had many engagements in war, and was bound to be victorious, especially at the battle of Gettysburg, when he swept all before him.

Of Lincoln's tragic death it was variously said that he was killed "at Chicago 1864," also that he "was assinated in 1877 at forads Theater Boston," shot in "Booth's theater in Philadelphia," "died at his home in Long Branch." The assassin is spoken of as "Garfield," "Geteay," and "Decata."

One candidate said Lincoln "let the Dorkey go free," another that he "fred all the negros in the world." In general, the applicants seem to have agreed, as one wrote, that "we have seertly had very few lile unto Lincoln."

Sneezing.  
When traveling in the south of Ireland, some years ago, I was not a little surprised to hear every one in a room shout "God bless you" when any person sneezed, and the "God bless you" was repeated for every sneeze. I have since learned that this salutation has an origin going back to the sixth century, when the black plague fell upon Rome. Its victims showed the first symptoms by sneezing. When the African king of Menemopata sneezed all these near his person send up a great shout, all within hearing take it up, so that the sneeze may be said to go echoing through the kingdom. One would think the subjects would soon get hoarse if their sovereign chanced to have an old-fashioned New England hay fever. When the king of Senaar sneezes his courtiers turn their backs on him and give a loud slap on their right thigh. There is a great deal of character in the manner of sneezing, and though even George Washington could not be dignified when he felt a sneeze coming on, and was in doubts whether it would come to a head or not, it must be confessed that a good sneeze is more pleasurable than otherwise.

How He Cornered Him.  
A gentleman was riding on the outside of a coach in the west of England, when the driver said to him:

"I've had a coin giv' to me today 200 years old. Did you ever see a coin 200 years old?"

"Oh, yes; I have one myself 2,000 years old."

"Ah!" said the driver, "have ye?" and spoke no more during the rest of the journey.

When the coach arrived at its destination the driver turned to the other with an intensely self-satisfied air, and said:

"I told you as we druv' along that I had a coin 200 years old."

"Yes."

"And you said to me as you had one 2,000 years old."

"Yes, so I have."

"That's not true."

"What do you mean by that?"

"What do I mean? Why, it's only 1897 now!"—Tit Bits.

Miss Pepina, Equestrienne.  
Novel readers may remember that in one of Charles Lever's rollicking stories the hero, a dashing Irish dragoon, is made to leap his horse over a small cart in a Portuguese street. At a circus in Berlin recently Miss Pepina, a young Italian girl, performed the astonishing feat of jumping her favorite

mare across an open victoria in which four men were seated. This young woman was born in Trieste, Austria, of wealthy parents, and from childhood showed great liking for horseback exercise. In her early teens she could ride much better than any woman in town, even the men finding difficulty in keeping up with her. After much urging, her parents finally allowed her to appear in the Circus Vidoli at Trieste, where her daring performance soon made her such a name that today she commands a higher salary than any other professional equestrienne in Europe. Her chief feat, previous to the one described above, was to jump her mare over four fair-sized ponies standing side by side.

Early Training.  
The father of Prince Bismarck rebuked him, when he was a boy for speaking of the emperor as "Fritz."

"Learn to speak reverently of his majesty," said the wise old German, "and you will grow accustomed to think of him with veneration."

The remark made a deep impression, and bore fruit in after years.

The universe is full of indices; every spot lifts a finger-post pointing to an origin.—J. C. Campbell.

After all, Nature is the greatest of all chemists, and seems here to have prepared in a gigantic receptacle an enormous mass of medicine for poulticing sore humanity. When all else had failed, Nature's treatment, the Magno-Mud cure, as it is now called, has in hundreds of cases brought back health and happiness.

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The strange medicinal value of this peculiar, black, porous substance was accidentally discovered by an old soldier, Sam Story, who had brought rheumatism home from the war and suffered with it for years. He was attempting to dig a drainage ditch through the mud deposit, and after indulging in this useless experiment for a week or more, gave up the idea, but meanwhile had been cured of his rheumatism.

The fame of the mud began to spread and afflicted congregated at the Springs from everywhere. The method of using the mud was at first very primitive, the patient merely sitting down in the deposit where nature had laid it. But since then improvements have been made, a beautiful hotel erected, and the mud bath developed into a luxurious experience. The accompanying cut shows how it's done.



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He Was Used to It.  
Friend—Try to hang on for another couple of minutes. The guide will soon be here with ropes to rescue you.

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March 8, 1897: *Samuel Pitcher M.D.*

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